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Winnipeg bride-to-be Jenny-Lynn Lascano practises her best frantic-bride look at Chantal's Bridal and Formal leading up to the Wonderful Wedding Show's Runaway Bride scavenger hunt through downtown on Friday. More coverage, page 4. SHANE GIBSON/METRO



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Point Douglas area getting road revamp this spring

'Poor shape.'
Property tax funding local streets initiative



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Winnipeg's new street-repair program is being rolled out in one of the oldest neighbourhoods in the city.

A block of Sutherland Avenue in Point Douglas will see construction begin in late May under the 2013 preliminary capital budget's Local Street Renewal Reserve, which is being funded by one per cent of the 3.87 per cent property-tax hike announced by Mayor Sam Katz and Coun. Russ Wyatt (Transcona) on Jan. 9.

Donald Bond, general and operations manager of Brown & Rutherford, said while Sutherland Avenue is not a truck route, many trucks still use it, deteriorating the street.

"I welcome any and all repairs and I think they'll be welcome all over Winnipeg,"

said Bond following a press conference held by the city on Thursday at his building near the Louise Bridge.

"I've been working here 29 years and I don't remember them ever fixing the street."

The stretch of Sutherland falls in the Mynarski ward, to the delight of the local councillor.

"I can tell you right now that over 50 per cent of my streets and back lanes in this area are actually in what we call a 'poor shape,'" said Coun. Ross Eadie (Mynarski).

Mayor Sam Katz said no one at city hall wants to increase property taxes, but without other levels of government ponying up more cash, there's no way to "slay the infrastructure dragon."

"We are in a crisis situation when it comes to our infrastructure deficit," said Katz.

"This is not a challenge that is unique to the city of Winnipeg — all cities are facing it."

Katz said the city has asked for a share of the federal gas tax, a share of provincial motor-vehicle registration, and the provincial sales tax to be



Mayor Sam Katz and Coun. Ross Eadie were all smiles during the city's announcement that a stretch of Sutherland Avenue will be repaired under the Local Street Renewal Reserve initiative. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

rebated like the GST, but has "been told no."

Brad Sacher, director of public works, said city officials along with councillors are in

the process of deciding which streets, back lanes and sidewalks will be fixed this year.

The Local Street Renewal Reserve, which includes

streets, back lanes and sidewalks, has as its goal the repair of the equivalent of 10 km of two-lane streets and 20 km of sidewalks all over in the city.

Small-town paper calls aboriginals 'terrorists'

A controversy is brewing in the small town of Morris, Man., after the community newspaper published editorial comments calling aboriginals corrupt and lazy.

A bricks-and-bouquets section of the most recent edition of the Morris Mirror gave thumb's down to "Canada's native community ... who are demanding unrealistic expectations of the government and who in some cases are acting like terrorists in their own country."

The commentary went on to say "Indians/natives want it all but corruption and laziness

prevent some of them from working for it."

On the newspaper's website, editor Reed Turcotte and his wife, managing editor Lorraine Ayotte-Turcotte, wrote an editorial pointing out criticism of the Idle No More movement made by other media outlets, and then addressed the controversy directly.

The newspaper's online edition also published several letters critical of the "thumb's down" column, the subsequent editorial and the cartoon.

"Watch your back, editor, you have First Nations living a few miles down the road,"

The apology

"As two of our children are also Métis, we are very well aware of the challenges of First Nations people. Having been brought up in British Columbia and having been a friend of Chief Dan George, we find the natives there much more progressive than in Manitoba or Ontario. We apologize to those we offended in that regard, however, we stand by the fact that the natives must work to get out of their situation rather than sit 'Idle No More.'" Editors Reed Turcotte and Lorraine Ayotte-Turcotte

wrote Delmar Peters. "You sure don't mind the First Nation dollars that come through your community. Native terrorists?"

You haven't seen nothing yet!" Tammy Peters, who identified herself as aboriginal, wrote she was saddened and

disgusted by the article.

"It is fair to say you have the right to express your opinions, but I must say that the reason our society hasn't progressed in regards to racism is because of the views expressed in this article."

The online edition expressed thanks for the range of comments.

"We especially enjoyed the conversation with the leaders of the Roseau River Anishinabe First Nations. We of course meant no harm and hopefully the above opposing views sets the record straight."

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Local comic Chantel Marostica is featured in *Sign Up & Stand Up*, a new documentary detailing Winnipeg's stand-up comedy scene. TYLER FUNK/FOR METRO

Documentary looks at city's comedy scene

Behind the laughs.

Sign Up & Stand Up premieres Sunday at the Gas Station Arts Centre

JARED STORY

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Sign Up & Stand Up, a new documentary by local filmmaker Tyson Caron, shines a light on Winnipeg's burgeoning stand-up comedy scene.

The film — produced for MTS TV's *Stories From Home* (formerly *Winnipeg*

on Demand) — focuses on four local comics while they hone their comedic craft in Winnipeg's bars and clubs, following them through the ups and downs, the kills and the bombs.

Caron says he became interested in the scene after he attended a sold-out local comedy show at the Park Theatre.

"I had no idea there was a stand-up comedy scene in Winnipeg other than Rumor's and the Winnipeg Comedy Festival," said the 35-year-old.

"I got invited to a show at the Cavern (a former open

mic comedy spot) and I was really impressed. I was especially impressed that all the comics were writing in notebooks before the show and seemed really committed and serious. It seemed like a really interesting group of people."

The group of interesting people Caron decided to focus on are local comics Scott Porteous, Matt Nightingale, Aisha Alfa and Chantel Marostica. Not just conversation about bits, one-liners and acts, *Sign Up & Stand Up* goes behind the mic. For instance, Marostica is open about her struggles with a

mood disorder and her past problems with drugs and alcohol.

"People gravitate towards people who are honest about their lives, people who can say, 'I did this and I'm better off for it now because it happened,'" Caron says. "I think Chantel's a good role model for other people who are struggling and maybe not as open about it. She's really brave."

Sign Up & Stand Up premieres Sunday at the Gas Station Arts Centre. Admission is \$10. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. The film will be available on MTS TV on Jan. 22.

Making its way westward. First polar bear coming to Assiniboine Park Zoo

A polar bear from the Toronto Zoo will be the first bear to take up residence at the Assiniboine Park Zoo's new polar bear centre.

Hudson the polar bear will be moved from his home at the Toronto Zoo to the Assiniboine Park Zoo's International Polar Bear Conservation Centre during the last week of January.

Hudson was one of three cubs born to his mother Aurora on Oct. 11, 2011. However, zoo officials said in a press release that Aurora rejected Hudson shortly after birth.

"In the wild, polar bears are solitary animals and cubs will leave their mother to roam the tundra to, hopefully, reproduce and pass on their genetics to the polar bear population," states a press release from the Toronto Zoo.

"Therefore this move for Hudson is the next step in his life to becoming a mature



Hudson the polar bear
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male polar bear in the hopes that he will be paired with a female in the future and so he may contribute to the Species Survival Plan breeding program.

The conservation centre is part of the Assiniboine Park Zoo's Journey to Churchill exhibit, slated to be completed in 2014. It will be home to several polar bears.

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Overrun. Frantic brides all set to take over downtown Winnipeg

Don't be surprised if you see a number of frantic brides — and a few equally frantic grooms — racing through the streets of downtown Winnipeg in wedding dresses Friday.

The strange scene is part of the Runaway Bride competition presented by 103.1 Virgin to help kick off the Wonderful Wedding Show, which will fill two floors of the Winnipeg Convention Centre with all things matrimony this weekend.

"It should be quite the spectacle," said Sherri Rheubottom, show manager and producer of the Wonderful Wedding Show. "They have to wear a wedding dress — obviously it shouldn't

be the dress they're wearing to their actual wedding — and they'll be given clues to do a wedding-related scavenger hunt downtown."

The contest winners will receive a wedding package from Southwood Golf & Country Club worth more than \$20,000.

"Downtown is going to turn into bride central," laughed Rheubottom.

The Wonderful Wedding Show runs 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and brides and grooms who register at wonderfulweddingshow.com can get in at 10 a.m. Tickets are available at the door or through Ticketmaster.

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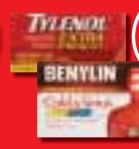
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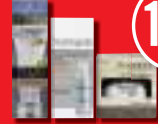
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Football star may be in on girlfriend hoax

Manti Te'o. Linebacker still spoke of his dead online love even after he supposedly learned she never existed

Not once but twice after he supposedly discovered his online girlfriend of three years never even existed, Notre Dame All-American linebacker Manti Te'o perpetuated the heart-breaking story about her death.

An Associated Press review of news coverage found that the Heisman Trophy runner-up talked about his doomed love in a web interview on Dec. 8 and again in a newspaper interview published on Dec. 11. He and the university said Wednesday that he learned on Dec. 6 that it was all a hoax.

On Thursday, a day after Te'o's inspiring story was exposed as a lie, Te'o and Notre Dame faced questions about whether he really was duped, as he claimed, or whether he and the university were complicit and misled the public, perhaps to improve his chances of winning the Heisman.

Te'o and Notre Dame athletic director Jack Swarbrick said on Wednesday that the player was drawn into a virtual romance with one "Lennay Kekua" and was fooled into believing she died of leukemia in September. They said his only contact with her was via the Internet and telephone.

Te'o also lost his grandmother — for real — the same day his girlfriend supposedly died, and his role in leading Notre Dame to its best season in decades put him at the centre of college football's biggest feel-good story of the year.

Relying on info provided by Te'o's family, the South Bend Tribune reported in October that Te'o and Kekua first met



Manti Te'o claims the hoax was painful and humiliating. JAMES BROSHER/SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Questionable words

"I lost both my grandparents and my girlfriend to cancer. So I've really tried to go to children's hospitals and see, you know, children."

Manti Te'o during an interview for WSBT.com on Dec. 8, two days after he said he learned his girlfriend wasn't real

in person in 2009 and that the two had also gotten together in Hawaii, where Te'o grew up.

Te'o never mentioned or denied a face-to-face meeting in public comments reviewed by the AP.

Notre Dame said Te'o found out that Kekua was not a real person through a phone call he received at an awards ceremony in Orlando, Fla., on Dec. 6. He told Notre Dame coaches about the situation on Dec. 26.

On Wednesday, Swarbrick said Notre Dame did not go public with its findings sooner because it expected the Te'o family to come forward first. But Deadspin.com broke the story that day.

Chicago Tribune columnist John Kass said the university's failure to call a news conference and go public sooner means "Notre Dame is complicit in the lie."

"The school fell in love with the Te'o girlfriend myth," he wrote.

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Germany. Lawyer claims up to 16 objects were left in patient after surgery

Surgeons left up to 16 objects in a man's body during an operation for prostate cancer, a lawyer in Germany claims. She is seeking more than \$100,000 US plus costs for the family of the patient, who has since died. Surgical slips such as these are rare, but with millions of operations performed worldwide each year, mistakes do occur.

According to Loyola University in Chicago, citing medical studies, some 1,500 patients in the United States have surgical objects accidentally left inside them during surgery each year. Most of the objects are sponges used to control patient bleeding during long operations. They can lead to pain, infections and other medical complications.

Such cases have prompted doctors to coin the term "retained surgical items" and draw up guidelines to prevent them from occurring. These include accounting for all items after surgery — such as with the help of RFID chips — and using equipment containing special strips that show up clearly in x-rays.

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Notable cases

- In March 2009, a Kentucky jury awarded a woman \$2.5 million after she needed surgery to remove a sponge left in her during a hysterectomy three years earlier. Part of her small intestine had to be removed.
- In Feb. 2010, doctors in the Czech Republic discovered a foot-long metal tube had been left inside a woman's abdomen five months after surgery. The clinic chief said four staff members had been punished.
- In Dec. 2011, a man in Ohio who had two towels left in his body after surgery won a \$275,000 settlement from the U.S. government.
- In Sept. 2012, a patient in Australia required a second operation after a surgical instrument was left in the abdomen.

Serbia. Smashable room all the rage, only \$6 a pop

A man looks around the room, lifts a metal baseball bat and wrecks everything in sight. This isn't a criminal onslaught: It's the Rage Room.

And it's smashing its way to success in Serbia, one angry visitor at a time.

Since it opened in the northern Serbian city of Novi Sad in October, the Rage Room has drawn a flurry of attention in a country where two decades of war, political crisis and economic hardship have driven many people over the edge.

Inspired by a similar "Anger Room" in Dallas, Texas, Serbia's version was set up by two teens who figured it could be a way to earn pocket money.

"On average, we have one person a day, enough to keep us going," said Nikola Pausic.

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Terror-case Canadian gets 14-year jail term

He's cleared of most serious charge. Man with links to Toronto and Ottawa convicted of supporting group behind Mumbai attacks

A Canadian businessman was sentenced to 14 years in prison Thursday for providing material support to overseas terrorism.

It was alleged Tahawwur Rana supported a Pakistani group whose 2008 attacks on Mumbai, India, left more than 160 people dead.

The judge sentenced Rana in a Chicago court to the prison term followed by five years of supervised release.

Rana, a 52-year-old Pakistani-born Canadian, faced a maximum 30 years in prison.

Jurors in 2011 convicted him of providing support for the Pakistani group Lashkar-e-Taiba, and for supporting a never-carried-out plot to attack a Danish newspaper that printed cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad in 2005.



Tahawwur Rana is shown in a 2011 courtroom sketch.
TOM GIANNI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The cartoons angered many Muslims because pictures of the prophet are prohibited in Islam.

But jurors cleared Rana of the third and most serious charge of involvement in the three-day rampage in Mumbai, India's largest city, which has often been called India's 9-11.

The government's star witness at Rana's trial was admitted terrorist David Coleman Headley, who had pleaded guilty to laying the ground-

work for the Mumbai attacks. The American-Pakistani testified against his school friend Rana to avoid the death penalty and extradition.

He is scheduled to be sentenced in Chicago next week.

Headley spent five days on the witness stand — taking up more than half the trial — detailing how he allegedly worked for both the Pakistani intelligence agency known as the ISI and Lashkar.

Prosecutors also presented Rana's videotaped arrest statement to the FBI, during which he said he knew Headley had trained with Lashkar. They also played a September 2009 recorded phone conversation between the men.

Rana — who owned an immigration consulting firm in Toronto and a home in Ottawa — was accused of allowing Headley to open a branch of his Chicago-based immigration law business in Mumbai as a cover story and travel as a representative of the company in Denmark.

In court, a travel agent showed how Rana booked travel for Headley.

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Fracking fuss. Yoko Ono takes son Sean Lennon on a protest over drilling

Yoko Ono, Sean Lennon and actress Susan Sarandon spoke out against fracking — a drilling technique — during a tour of natural-gas drilling sites in northeastern Pennsylvania on Thursday.

The celebrities said the technique is a danger to air, water and human health.

Ono accused the gas industry of disregarding residents' welfare. "They care about making money," she said.

The celebs headed to rural Susquehanna County to see gas wells, compressor stations and other evidence of

the Marcellus Shale drilling boom.

They also visited with residents who say they have been negatively impacted by drilling.

Fracking involves the high-pressure injection of millions of gallons of water, along with sand and chemical additives, deep underground to break apart shale rock and free the gas trapped inside it.

The industry and many federal and state officials say fracking is safe when it's done properly.

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Mother and son: Yoko Ono and Sean Lennon chat as they head to drilling sites in Pennsylvania on Thursday. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

School staffer's claim

Boy, 13, accused of sex attack

A 13-year-old boy is facing charges after Peterborough, Ont., police allege a female staff member at an area school was choked and sexually assaulted.

Police say the woman said she was alone in a classroom with the boy when she was attacked.

He was charged with sexual assault and overcoming resistance to commit an indictable offence. He cannot be identified.

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Student loans

Lawsuits planned over missing info

The federal government is being sued over the loss of a hard drive containing information about half-a-million people who took out student loans.

Merchant Law Group is filing class-action lawsuits in Calgary and Winnipeg, and plans to file more.

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Hostages freed, but death toll at Algerian gas plant unclear

Foreign captives. Kidnapping was one of the largest ever attempted by a militant group in North Africa

Algerian special forces launched a rescue operation Thursday at a natural-gas plant in the Sahara Desert and freed foreign hostages held by al-Qaida-linked militants, but estimates for the number of dead varied wildly from four to dozens.

Militants claiming revenge for France's intervention against rebels in Mali seized the BP, Statoil and Sonatrach-owned Ain Amenas natural-gas complex on Wednesday, taking dozens of foreign workers hostage.

Algerian state television said Thursday that four captives, two Britons and two Filipinos, had died. But the militants said at least 35 hostages had died in the state's rescue attempt. There was no way to independently verify the toll in the remote location, 1,300

Multinational terrorists

The Algerian government said it was forced to intervene due to the militants' stubbornness and their desire to escape with hostages.

- **Islamist militants.** Communications Minister Mohand Said Oubelaid said the "terrorists are multinational," coming from several different countries with the goal of "destabilizing Algeria, embroiling it in the Mali conflict and damaging its natural-gas infrastructure."

kilometres from Algiers.

The reports of high casualties have deeply disturbed foreign governments, prompting a number to criticize Algeria's operation. Britain's Foreign Office attempted to prepare the British public by saying, "We should be under no illusion that there will be some bad and distressing news to follow from this terrorist attack."

Islamists from the Masked



Statoil CEO Helge Lund, left, and director of foreign operations Lars Christian Bacher leave a meeting in Stavanger, Norway. Algerian forces raided a remote gas plant on Thursday in an attempt to free dozens of foreign hostages at the BP/Statoil/Sonatrach-run facility. KENT SKIBSTAD, NTB SCANPIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brigade, a Mali-based al-Qaida offshoot, said Algerian helicopters opened fire as the militants tried to leave the vast complex with their hostages. They claimed that 35 hostages and 15 militants died and only seven hostages survived.

Algeria's official news ser-

vice, meanwhile, claimed that 600 local workers were freed in the raid and half of the foreigners being held were rescued. Many of those locals were reportedly released on Wednesday, however, by the militants themselves.

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Privacy breach. Federal government faces lawsuits over lost student info

A massive privacy breach looks to land the federal government in court.

Two class-action lawsuits are being filed after Human Resources and Skills Development Canada lost a portable hard drive containing personal information about more than half a million people who took out student loans.

The department said last week the device contained data on 583,000 Canada Student Loans Program borrowers from 2000 to 2006.

The missing files include student names, social insurance numbers, dates of birth, contact information and loan balances of borrowers, as well

as the personal contact information of 250 department employees. No banking or medical information was on the portable device.

Borrowers from Quebec, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories during this time period are not affected.

Bob Buckingham, a St. John's, N.L., lawyer who filed a statement of claim Thursday on behalf of those affected by the privacy breach, is warning the loss could affect more people than just the student-loan borrowers.

Human Resources is sending letters to advise those affected on how to protect their information. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Special court

Gang-rape trial to be fast-tracked

An Indian magistrate on Thursday ordered the trial of five men accused in the fatal gang rape of a young woman on a moving bus to be shifted to a special fast-track court in New Delhi.

The first hearing is to be held there on Monday.

Lawyers for the five have said police mistreated their clients, including beating them to force them to confess to the Dec. 16 crime. A sixth suspect in the attack claims to be a juvenile and his case is being handled separately.

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Provincial growth rates

Gap narrows
between West
and rest: BMO

Bank of Montreal says the gap between economic growth rates in Western Canada and the rest of the country appears to be narrowing. The resource sector continues to fuel growth in Western Canada, but the bank says it will be slower.

The bank suggests Alberta's growth in the energy sector is being tempered by a lack of pipeline capacity and B.C. has been held back by a softer housing market. By contrast, Ontario's economy is expected to gain momentum into 2014, helped by improvements in the U.S.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Online ticketing

Ticketfly to enter
Canadian market

Canadian concertgoers may soon notice there's a new online ticketing company in town aiming to compete with Ticketmaster.

The San Francisco-based Ticketfly announced Thursday that it's expanding into Canada and has reached deals with national event promoter Union Events and Toronto-based Collective Concerts to sell tickets online.

Ticketfly claims it will charge lower fees than Ticketmaster for online purchases and will encourage e-ticketing via Apple's Passbook format. The company has also acquired Calgary-based ticketing company Prime Box Office as part of its move north.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

22 million songs

Amazon opens
MP3 store to
iPhone, iPod
Touch users

Amazon says iPhone and iPod Touch users are now able to buy music from its digital store for the first time.

The company said its MP3 library has 22 million songs available. Steve Boom, vice-president of Amazon Music, says that since the launch of the Cloud Player app for the iPhone and iPod Touch, customers have been asking for the ability to buy music from Amazon directly from their devices.

Apple device users can browse Amazon's MP3 store for music using Apple's Safari web browser.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Britain says neigh
to eating horsemeat

'Horse burger' scandal.

Tesco supermarket chain amps up damage control in wake of discovery that meat products contained up to 29% equine flesh

In Britain, a horse is a horse — not a main course. Tesco, the country's biggest supermarket chain, took out full-page newspaper ads Thursday to apologize for an unwanted ingredient in some of its hamburgers: Horsemeat.

Ten million burgers have been taken off shop shelves after the revelation that beef products from three companies in Ireland and Britain contained horse DNA. Most had only small traces, but one burger of a brand sold by Tesco had meat content that was 29 per cent horse. The contrite grocer told customers that "we and our supplier have let you down and we apologize."

Reaction to the scandal in Britain goes beyond concerns



Putting the cart before the horse? An employee pushes shopping carts past the entrance to a Tesco Extra supermarket in New Malden, Surrey, England, in this 2009 photo. The Tesco chain has had to apologize to Britons after horsemeat was discovered in some of its burgers. GETTY IMAGES FILE

about contaminated food. While people in some countries happily dine on equine flesh, in the land of Black Beauty and National Velvet, the idea fills many with horror.

Labour Party environment spokeswoman Mary Creagh reflected the feelings of many when she said Thursday that eating horsemeat is "strongly culturally taboo in the United Kingdom." She was echoing prohibitions in Western

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"Some people say, 'I have a horse. It'd be like eating my grandmother.'"

Paul Webb, director of Exotic Meats, a company in the English Midlands that sells products including horse burgers.

cultures that go back to 732 AD, when Pope Gregory III declared horse-eating a pagan practice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Conflict of interest? Flaherty
attempted to influence CRTC
decision on radio licence

The Conservative government would not say whether it stands by its own accountability rules for members of cabinet after Finance Minister Jim Flaherty was accused of breaching the guidelines.

Carl Vallée, a spokesman for Stephen Harper, declined to say Thursday whether the Prime Minister's Office continues to endorse the rules on ministerial responsibility.

The controversy was sparked by news Flaherty had urged the federal broadcast regulator to grant a radio licence to a company in his Ontario riding even though the rules — posted on Harper's website — forbid ministers from trying to influence the decisions of administrative tribunals.

In his March 30, 2012, letter to the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission, Flaherty praised Durham Radio Inc.'s ultimately unsuccessful bid to obtain a licence to operate a new FM station for the Toronto area.

The broadcaster, based in Flaherty's Whitby-Oshawa riding, was one of several applicants last year for the hotly contested spot on the FM dial. The company was proposing an easy-listening outlet.

In a statement to The Canadian Press, which unearthed the letter, Flaherty said he would "continue to be a strong advocate for the people and community I represent. It is my job."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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\$1,690.80 US (+\$7.60)

Supreme Court won't hear challenge to wheat-board overhaul

The federal government scored another court victory Thursday in an ongoing battle over its changes to the Canadian Wheat Board.

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled it will not hear an appeal by eight former board directors, who accused the government of breaking its own law by making radical changes without first holding a plebis-

cite among grain producers.

New legislation introduced by Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative government strips the marketing agency of its monopoly on western wheat and barley sales.

As is its usual practice, the high court did not release reasons for its decision. Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz welcomed the ruling as "fantastic."

"It turns the page, lets farmers get on with what they do best, which is produce those great high-quality crops," Ritz told Regina radio station CKRM.

It is not the end of the legal battle. Supporters of the wheat board as it was prior to the change have filed a separate lawsuit in Federal Court. They said the Supreme Court rejection will not deter them.

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"(The ruling) turns the page, lets farmers get on with what they do best."

Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz

"We have a class-action underway and that action is based on a variety of legal

theories that are quite different from what was argued in the case ... that went to the Supreme Court of Canada," said Anders Bruun, a spokesman for the Friends of the Canadian Wheat Board.

The lawsuit seeks a court order to restore the board's monopoly and to give farmers \$17 billion in damages.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Air safety. Boeing keeps
building Dreamliners

Workers continued Thursday to build new 787s at Boeing's South Carolina assembly plant even though U.S. federal authorities have grounded planes now in service while onboard batteries are checked.

The Federal Aviation Administration grounded the jetliners the previous day following battery fires on two of the new planes flown by Japanese carriers.

Production continued on the new planes at the company's sprawling North Charleston assembly plant that employs about 6,000 workers, said a Boeing spokeswoman. Boeing also builds the plane at its plant in Everett, Wash.

In a statement, Boeing CEO Jim McNerney vouched for the safety of the new fuel-efficient plane the company calls the Dreamliner. It is the first com-

Battery-fire risk

- The Federal Aviation Administration in the U.S. is investigating lithium batteries on the Dreamliners that can leak corrosive fluid and start fires.

mercial aircraft to have a hull made of lightweight composite materials instead of aluminum.

"We are confident the 787 is safe and we stand behind its overall integrity. We will be taking every necessary step in the coming days to assure our customers and the travelling public of the 787's safety and to return the airplanes to service," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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THE LIST
Paul Sullivan
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It was the best of weeks, it was the worst of weeks. And it's not even over.

1 Lance backpedals on Oprah. Lance Armstrong pedals an epic

two-part confession that he did in fact use performance-enhancing drugs to win a record seven Tour de France titles. If he doesn't end up resurrecting his reputation, at least he's resurrecting Oprah's ratings. Hey, it's not about the bike. Obviously, it never was.

2 Idle No More. You can say that again. Aboriginal people are mad as hell and they're not going to take it anymore. So they're barricading roads and bridges to make their point. But the spontaneous uprising seems to be taking more out of aboriginal leaders such as hunger-striker Theresa Spence and Assembly of First Nations Chief Shawn Atleo than original-target Stephen Harper, whose Teflon coating remains intact.

3 Idol again!? Hard to believe, but the talent show that started it all, American Idol, is in its 12th season. Unfortunately, it seems to have descended into a feud between Mariah Carey and Nicki Minaj, while the talent tries to get a few licks in edgewise. I never thought I'd say this, but what happened to the good old days, when professional A & R men identified The Next Big Thing?

4 Happiness is a warm nutbar. U.S. President Barack Obama unveils a package of gun-control measures, maintaining that weapons designed for a theatre of war have no place in a movie theatre, a reference to the mass shooting six months ago at a Colorado screening of The Dark Knight Rises. Gunslinger, er, Gov. Rick Perry of Texas angrily rejects any attempt to limit access to assault weapons and instead recommends that we "pray for help." It's worked so far...

5 Madam, unhand that monkey. In the inevitable court battle over who gets to keep Darwin the Ikea monkey, the people sheltering him have accused his erstwhile owner of, um, choking the monkey, hitting him with a wooden spoon, forcing him to live in a small crate and making him wear that ridiculous double-breasted shearling coat (OK, I added that last one). If God meant monkeys to go to Ikea, he would have supplied them with little Allen wrenches. Next case!

6 Bad Dreamliners. The entire fleet of Boeing 787s, the so-called Dreamliner, has been grounded as engineers try to figure out why the plane's batteries overheat. While they're at it, they should also figure out why I always have to sit between the crying baby and the 400-pound man.

7 Happy birthday, Betty White. If you're worried life has passed you by, consider Betty White. She turned 91 Thursday, but she's holding down a regular gig on Hot in Cleveland and this year launched Betty White's Off Their Rockers. Maybe you should Be Like Betty, and make today the first day of the rest of your life.

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Worth mentioning

Dear Abby advice columnist dies at 94

Pauline Friedman Phillips, who as Dear Abby dispensed snappy, sometimes saucy advice on love, marriage and meddling mothers-in-law to millions of newspaper readers around the world and opened the way for the likes of Dr. Ruth, Dr. Phil and Oprah, has died. She was 94. Phillips died Wednesday in Minneapolis after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease, said Gene Willis, a publicist for the Universal Uclick syndicate.

"My mother leaves very big high heels to fill with a legacy of compassion, commitment and positive social change," her daughter, Jeanne Phillips, who now writes the column, said in a statement.

Pauline Phillips wrote under the name Abigail Van Buren. Her column competed for decades with the advice of Ann Landers, written by her twin sister, Esther Friedman Lederer. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Pauline Friedman Phillips
GETTY IMAGES

HE DECLARES, THE WORLD WATCHES

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE INAUGURATION?

JAN. 19

U.S. President Barack Obama and his family participate in a National Day of Service.

JAN. 20

Obama and Vice-President Joe Biden are officially sworn into office at a private event at the White House.

JAN. 21

→ Obama, Biden and their families participate in a traditional prayer service at St. John's Church in front of the White House.

→ Obama, Biden and their families ride to the Capitol. The public swearing-in ceremony takes place on a platform in front of the Capitol building.

→ Biden is sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

→ Obama is sworn in by Chief Justice John Roberts.

→ Obama delivers his inaugural address.

→ Obama and Biden participate in an inaugural lunch with members of Congress.

→ Evening: Inaugural Balls. The president and vice-president attend with their wives.

\$4.2 million will be spent on preparing Capitol grounds for the swearing-in ceremony, mostly on the inaugural platform, bleachers and barricades.

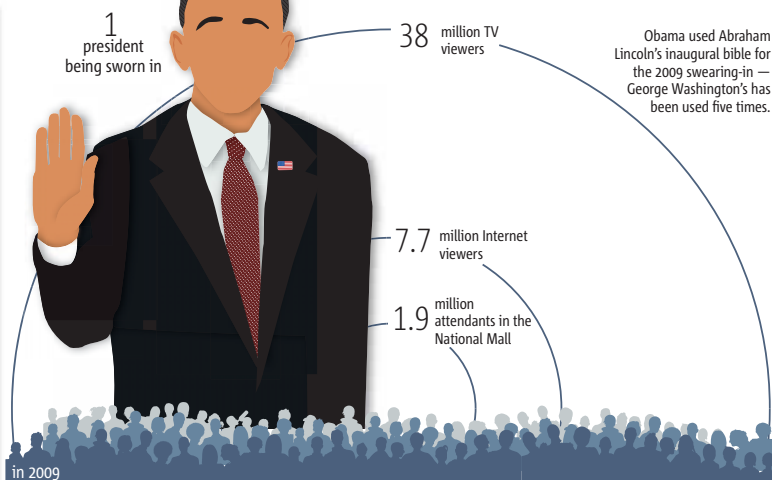
SUNDAYS

Inauguration Day is always Jan. 20, but by law inaugurations are never held on Sundays. Since Jan. 20 falls on a Sunday this year, the oath is then given privately on Sunday and then publicly on Monday.

35 is the amount of words in the oath for the most powerful job in the world, the U.S. presidency.

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THE PRESIDENT'S RIDE

Barack Obama will travel in his armoured-plated Cadillac One limousine to Capitol Hill for his inauguration. But cars weren't always the preferred mode of transport:



George Washington took a horse-drawn carriage to Federal Hall, New York City (April 30, 1789).



Thomas Jefferson (March 4, 1801) walked to his swearing-in from his lodgings less than 300 metres from Capitol Hill.



William Harrison (March 4, 1841) travelled to the Capitol by railroad from Virginia (an inaugural first).



Lyndon Johnson (Nov. 22, 1963) took his oath inside Air Force One, grounded at Dallas Love Field airport.

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(Jan. 20, 2005)

400

42

GEORGE W. BUSH
1st Inauguration
(Jan. 20, 2001)

300

30

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2nd Inauguration
(Jan. 20, 1997)

450

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BILL CLINTON
1st Inauguration
(Jan. 20, 1993)

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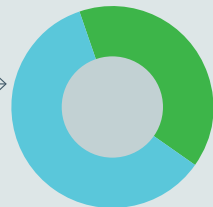


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@MikeJonSaunders:

The view of Winnipeg in the morning is great... Just not from my place...

@chermaendel:

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@Lurquer:

Fun fact: Today, there's 54 more minutes of daylight in Winnipeg than in Thompson.

@ikcotol:

It's quaint when traffic reporters say people in #Winnipeg are driving more cautious tdy. Truth is 80% of people are driving scared s—less



Dame Maggie Smith stars in *Quartet* — a story of a once famous singing group now retired and living together. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD
CROUSE AND
MARK BRESLIN



Aging a little too well

Crowd pleaser. The Reel Guys agreed *Quartet* was a nice look at old age, but ultimately couldn't stomach the ending

Richard: Mark, this could have gone one of two ways. It could've been a depressing look at the difficulties of growing old, or it could have turned into one of those "loveable old coot" movies. Instead, like the recent *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, it treats its elderly characters like vibrant, real people, even though they use walkers and have lapses of memory. Medical conditions aside, emotionally they are as rich — if not richer — than 90 per cent of the characters we see in any Katherine Heigl romantic comedy. What did you think?

Mark: Richard, they are lovable old coots, or at least high-functioning geezers. It's

an idyllic view of old age — everyone has money and talent, and only a little bit of dementia, a wisp of a stroke, or a slightly malfunctioning hip. If they showed what old age was really like, the movie would be unwatchable. The great thing about the movie is the cast — and what a cast! Could Billy Connolly be more charming? Tom Courtenay more noble? Maggie Smith more ... Maggie Smith? But the film falls down in the storytelling. There's just not enough there. If you're going to cast these legends of stage and screen, you need to give them more to do.

RC: It is predictable, just this side of twee and don't get me started about the unsatisfying ending. Luckily it's also a crowd pleaser due to the chemistry of the cast. I loved Billy Connolly's roguishness and the sense of real warmth that exists between all the main players. That Dustin Hoffman learned a thing or two about directing actors over the years.

Synopsis

The action centres around Beechham House, a luxurious retirement home for aging musicians. Three quarters of a once famous vocal quartet, Reginald (Tom Courtenay), Cissy (Pauline Collins), and Wilfred (Billy Connolly), live there quietly until their former diva, Jean (Dame Maggie Smith), arrives. Her presence stirs up old feelings from ex-husband Reggie but might also be the key to changing the fortunes of the cash-strapped retirement home.

Star ratings:

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●●

a class of visiting teenagers and trying to explain opera through comparisons with rap and hip-hop. But the entire plot revolves around the will-she-or-won't-she decision of Maggie Smith to join the quartet.

The script has her make that decision too blithely after resisting so vociferously. I just wasn't convinced. And she goes from imperious wit in her grand entrance to empathetic sensitivity way too quickly. The movie's not long. Maybe a few scenes were excised?

RC: It feels a bit like there was some unfortunate chopping, but I have to say overall the actors carried the day for me. Weak story and even weaker ending notwithstanding, it's a crowd pleaser.

MB: The ending is horrible, one of the worst cheats in cinematic history. I was looking forward to those venerable actors tackling Verdi. But the scene I really enjoyed was Tom Courtenay teaching

MB: And it looks great. It was a pleasure spending 90 minutes in a perfectly groomed mansion in the English countryside. When I start to lose it, make me a reservation.

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Action



The Last Stand

Director. Kim Jee-Woon

Stars. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Johnny Knoxville

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It may have been nearly a decade since Arnold Schwarzenegger has led a big-screen blockbuster, but in *The Last Stand*, the sexagenarian is proving he's still got some fight in him. The threadbare story of a small-town sheriff determined to detain a drug lord from escaping into Mexico certainly doesn't break any new ground in the action department, but for fans of the genre, it's a welcome and winking return from the former Governor.

STEVE GOW

Horror

Mama

Director. Andres Muschietti

Stars. Jessica Chastain, Nikolaj Coster-Waldau

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Tragic circumstances led to two small children (Megan Charpentier and Isabelle Nélisse) being abandoned for five years in a cabin in the woods. Rescued, they are adopted by their uncle (*Game of Thrones*'s Nikolaj Coster-Waldau) and his girlfriend (Jessica Chastain) but the question remains, who is the mysterious Mama they keep talking about? Mama has some nice subtle creepy reveals, a vivid dream sequence and, of course, the ethereal Mama, who occasionally resembles a giant hairball on the floor, but is eerie nonetheless.

RICHARD CROUSE

Drama

The Invisible War

Directors. Kirby Dick, Amy Ziering

Stars. Kori Cioca, Susan Burke, Ariana Klay

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According to U.S. government studies, 20 per cent of female veterans have been sexually assaulted while in service. The U.S. government has had a wealth of (shocking) data on sexual assault and rape in the military for decades and yet nothing has been done to stop it. The documentary clearly aims to change this.

REGAN REID



Parker hits theatres next Friday. HANDOUT

Statham strong-arms his way to the top of the action heap

Parker. Perpetually stubbly actor relishes his brawly roles — this time out he plays a crook with a heart of gold opposite JLo

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Metro World News in Hollywood

With *Parker*, Jason Statham continues his bid to be the 21st century answer to his *Expendables* co-stars Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger, a purveyor of action films that can be big and loud but don't have to be dumb. His latest finds him playing a crafty crook with a surprisingly strict moral code — even when faced with the likes of Jennifer Lopez.

Do you consider this in the same vein as things like the *Mechanic* and the *Italian Job*, putting a modern spin on older action material?

You wouldn't be far wrong in saying that. *Parker*'s a different

sort of animal for me, though. He's a crook, he's a criminal, but there's something about him that makes you forgive what he's doing in some way, and I think there's an interesting aspect to that. You know, you're not supposed to like crooks or criminals. You know, he's devoted to his girlfriend. There's something about that as well. Crooks and criminals usually haven't got many morals. They do whatever they can for their ill-gotten gains... but this guy has a particular way of taking it, and he has a way of protecting what he cares about.

It's interesting, that girlfriend character, since you also have Jennifer Lopez in the movie, and people would assume, you two together on screen...

You'd expect something. When's it going to go off? I know, some people will go, "Oh, I don't believe it, it's stupid. How could he resist? It's f—ing Jennifer Lopez. What, is he blind? Is he stupid?" But (director) Taylor (Hackford) was insistent on keeping this guy true to himself and him having

a strength in departments where other men were weak (laughs).

He's kind of an OCD criminal, particularly with one very detailed line he delivers before dispatching a bad guy.

Yes! "You were supposed to torch the hay bales behind the livestock pavilion!" Boom! I love that line. I'm glad you noticed that, I loved that line. When I read the screenplay, I was like, "Oh my God, I f—ing love this guy." Right to the end, he f—ing never let that f—er forget, you know?

There aren't that many new action stars in the vein of your *Expendables* co-stars. How did you manage to become one of them?

I mean, to categorize myself in the same breath as Stallone and Arnold is a little bit beyond me, but I love their movies. I'm a big action movie junkie, and it's great to be making action movies. I think it's still the strongest genre and always has been.

I think it gets a bad name for itself sometimes because sometimes they're a bit thin on story, and there are more often than not a lot of crap ones that get made. That wave just seems to wash over some of them. But I love being in the action movie genre. It's fun, and it's better than doing period dramas back in England. For me, at least.

You got your start in diving. What do you make of sudden popularity of celebrity diving specials?

Is it popular now? I need to see that. People are going to get f—ing hurt. Who'd have thought it, because it was a f—ing tiny sport when I was doing it. And it still is, as far as I know. It doesn't put together big crowds, apart from the Olympics, and that's only every four years. It's funny to hear it's popular now, because back when I started nobody knew what f—ing diving was. If I said I was a diver, they'd go, "Oh, how deep do you go?" So it would be very funny to see.

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Five films to watch at Sundance

The annual Sundance Film Festival begins this weekend, with Hollywood's deal makers gathering in snowy Park City, Utah, to see what might go on to become the breakout hit of 2013. The toast of last year's festival, *Beast of the Southern Wild*, went on to earn four high-profile Academy Award nominations, including best picture. Here's our pick of what will get the most attention at this year's fest.

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Kill Your Darlings

John Krokidas' debut feature offers a dark glimpse into the early days of the Beat Generation and is a must-see at this year's festival, with an impressive young cast — Daniel Radcliffe, Ben Foster and Boardwalk Empire scene-stealer Jack Huston — taking on Ginsberg, Burroughs and Kerouac, respectively.

Don Jon's Addiction

Joseph Gordon-Levitt is something of a Sundance darling on his own (and he's even hosting the festival's award ceremony this year), so his directorial debut — about a lothario with an addiction to online porn — is instantly a must-see. Gordon-Levitt also stars, along with Scarlett Johansson and Julianne Moore.

Jobs

This one already has a distributor — and an April release date — and is the closing night film for the festival, but curiosity over seeing Ashton Kutcher's turn as Apple co-founder Steve Jobs is a huge factor here. Early buzz has been strong, suggesting Kutcher may be able to ump from the more lightweight fare he's known for. Book of Mormon star Josh Gad co-stars as Steve Wozniak.

The Spectacular Now

(500) Days of Summer writers Michael Weber and Scott Neustadter are back with this probably less sunny tale, based on Tim Sharp's novel, about a hard-partying high school senior played by Miles Teller who meets an outsider played by Shailene Woodley who changes his life. Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Kyle Chandler and Jennifer Jason Leigh also star.

The East

The Sound of My Voice team of director Zal Batmanglij and writer/star Brit Marling are back with this tense tale of an FBI agent infiltrating a group of anarchists out to get corporate fat-cats and manufacturers. Ellen Page and Alexander Skarsgard also star.

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By category

The nominations for the first Canadian Screen Awards were announced Tuesday. A look at the film nominees:

- **Best picture.** *L'Affaire Dumont*, *Inch'Allah*, *Laurence Anyways*, *Midnight's Children*, *Rebelle*, *Still Mine*.
- **Best film director.** Michael Dowse, *Goon*; Xavier Dolan, *Laurence Anyways*; Deepa Mehta, *Midnight's Children*; Kim Nguyen, *Rebelle*; Bernard Emond, *Tout ce que tu possèdes* (*All That You Possess*).
- **Best film actor.** James Cromwell, *Still Mine*; Patrick Drolet, *Tout ce que tu possèdes* (*All That You Possess*); Marc-André Grondin, *L'Affaire Dumont*; David Morse, *Collaborator*; Melvil Poupaud, *Laurence Anyways*.
- **Best film actress.** Evelyn Brochu, *Inch'Allah*; Genevieve Bujold, *Still Mine*; Marilyn Castonguay, *L'Affaire Dumont*; Suzanne Clement, *Laurence Anyways*; Rachel Mwanza, *Rebelle* (*War Witch*).
- **Best original screenplay.** Jason Buxton, *Blackbird*; Xavier Dolan, *Laurence*



Midnight's Children received eight nominations. COURTESY OF HAMILTON MEHTA PRODUCTIONS

Anyways; Kim Nguyen, *Rebelle* (*War Witch*); Michael McGowan, *Still Mine*; Bernard Emond *Tout ce que tu possèdes* (*All That You Possess*).

- **Best adapted screenplay.** David Cronenberg, *Cosmopolis*; Jay Baruchel and Evan Goldberg, *Goon*; Anita Doron, *The Lesser Blessed*; Martin Villeneuve, *Mars et Avril*; Salman Rushdie, *Midnight's Children*.

Rebelle leads film nods for new award show

Canadian television and film. Laurence Anyways and *Midnight's Children* round out the top three at Canadian Screen Awards

The child soldier drama *Rebelle* leads the film nominations at the inaugural Canadian Screen Awards.

Kim Nguyen's harrowing feature, also known as *War Witch*, dominates the prizes with 12 nominations — including best picture and best director.

It will compete in those categories against Xavier Dolan's gender-bending drama *Laurence Anyways*, which earned 10 nominations, and Deepa Mehta's sprawling historical epic, *Midnight's Children*, which drew eight.

The first-ever nominees for the Canadian Screen Awards were announced Wednesday morning at simultaneous news conferences in Toronto and Montreal.

The new award honours achievement in both Canadian television and film, replacing the previously separate Gemini and Genie Awards.

Martin Short will host the first awards gala on March 3, with the two-hour ceremony set to air on CBC-TV.

On the TV side, CTV's cop hit *Flashpoint* leads with 11 nominations, while the HBO Canada comedy *Less Than Kind* scored 10.



Rebelle, starring Serge Kanyinda and Rachel Mwanza, is the front runner at the inaugural Canadian Screen Awards. COURTESY OF MONGREL MEDIA

The Canadian Screen Awards are just the latest accolades for *Rebelle*, an unflinching look at a teenage girl who's forced to become a child soldier in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The film is also nominated for an Oscar in the best foreign-language film category.

That makes Nguyen the third Quebec writer-director

in a row to compete in the Oscar category, after Philippe Falardeau's *Monsieur Lazhar* and Denis Villeneuve's *Incendies* rode a wave of accolades to the Academy Awards.

Other films with multiple nods at the Canadian Screen Awards include Michael McGowan's *Still Mine* with seven nominations.

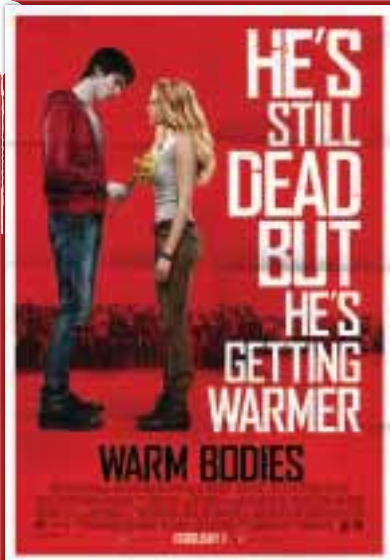
Michael Dowse's hockey

comedy *Goon* received six nominations, and Anais Barbeau-Lavalette's *Inch'Allah*, got five.

Brandon Cronenberg's debut feature *Antiviral* and Martin Villeneuve's first film *Mars et Avril* each got four nominations while David Cronenberg's star-studded *Cosmopolis* drew three nods.

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Action-hero-turned-politician-turned-action-hero Arnold Schwarzenegger returns to the movies as an aviator-wearing sheriff in *The Last Stand*. He's buff and badass in this outing. Metro looks back at some of his best and worst movie style moments — and boy are there some howlers.

RICHARD PECKETT



Conan the Barbarian (1982)

Arnold as Conan makes for possibly the most homoerotic hero of all time. Leather jock straps fringed with rabbit fur and his flowing locks make for an '80s porn fantasy.

The Terminator (1984)

Accessories-wise, Schwarzenegger always liked to make a statement, gunning for dual Uzis, pump action shotguns and Harley Davidson motorcycles — what a man.



Kindergarten Cop (1990)

This time Arnold, playing Detective John Kimble, who goes undercover as a teacher, gets down with the kids. Roomy slacks, plaid and polo shirts — can this really be the same gun-toting meathead?

Batman and Robin (1997)

When he's not causing chaos, Mr. Freeze likes nothing more than to chill out in a quilted smoking jacket, Ascot tie and a Cuban cigar — ever the gent, minus the makeup.



Ripper Street is no Downton Abbey: This week on TV

Dedicated fans of the mind-bending sci-fi serial *Fringe* will want to savour Friday's hotly anticipated finale — teasers suggest a catastrophic final battle as the crew faces the Observers. The two-hour swan song sees the team implement a plan as Olivia begins a dangerous journey into the unknown. (City)

The supernatural series *Haven* airs back-to-back new episodes Friday, culminating with its Season 3 finale, *Thanks for the Memories*. Here, Audrey is forced to face some hard truths and make a terrible decision that will determine the fate of the mysterious town of Haven. (Showcase)

Airing Saturday, the gruesome British drama *Ripper Street* is far from the world of *Downton Abbey*. The setting here is 19th century East London and the story chronicles an atmosphere of mayhem and brutality in the wake of Jack The Ripper's crimes. Matthew Macfadyen stars as Edmund Reid, the lead inspector charged with maintaining order on London's chaotic streets. Six months after the



Captain Homer Jackson (Adam Rothenberg) from *Ripper Street*.

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last Jack The Ripper killing, a fragile peace emerges. But in the premiere episode, a young woman is found brutally murdered with Ripper's hallmark signs. (Space)

Silver Linings Playbook star Jennifer Lawrence detours from the awards show circuit to host Saturday Night Live, perhaps the ultimate test of celebrity stature. No doubt there will be a Hunger Games skit in the offing for the Oscar-nominated actress. She's joined by musical guest The Lumineers. (Global, NBC)

Over on *Girls*, Hannah gets some unsolicited musical attention from heartbroken Adam and some not-so-great opinions on her writing from her new guy on Sunday. Elijah questions his sexuality and Marnie makes a career compromise when her curatorial dreams are crushed. (HBO Canada) **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

'I thought I'd end up on cable'

The following. Kevin Bacon talks career choices and ending up on network television



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Metro World News in Hollywood

It's taken surprisingly long for Kevin Bacon to find his way to the lead role in a TV drama, but he's finally doing so with *The Following*, from *Scream* creator Kevin Williamson. And the biggest surprise, at least to Bacon, is that it's on network television.

"I honestly thought I'd end up on cable," says Bacon, whose wife, Kyra Sedgwick, has done well for herself in the cable world with *The Closer*. But Bacon doesn't mind guessing wrong about his own career.

What did the shows you ended up not doing not have that this one has?

Well, it was a couple of things. First off, I tried to develop two that didn't quite get there by the time this one came along. Sometimes they were amazing pilots and people would say to me, "Yeah, but is there really



The Following premieres Jan. 21 at 9 p.m. ET/PT on CTV and CTV Two.

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a show there?" And since I'm really not used to reading something with the eye on four years down the line or whatever, that was kind of a new thing to me. I was like, "Yeah, but it's a great script." And then other things had just strange kind of network

or cable politics around them that they just didn't fall into place, and this one did. It's hard to know.

So this one has something in it that could carry on for years, you think?

Yeah, but what do I know? A

lot of times you do these types of (press events) and people talk to you a lot about, "What was the choice that went into that?" That only really makes sense if the thing is successful and embraced. Then it becomes, "Oh, that was a great choice!" I mean, look how many f—ing movies I've done, and how many of them are hits? Two per cent? Five per cent? Not a lot of them. So I've made a lot of bad choices. I'm not someone who thinks too carefully about what the long-term implications are.

You mentioned you thought you'd end up on cable when you got to TV.

Well yeah, when I first approached the idea of doing a show, yeah, I thought cable. Well, first off I went from the idea that cable was just going to be Showtime or HBO. Premium, right? And then in the course of a year or so, that's when it started to morph. All of a sudden I'm like, "Holy s—, *Breaking Bad* is off the chain!" Look at shows that are on FX, you know. And *The Closer*. And now all of a sudden it's like, "Well what about Netflix?" You just do a show and there is no network. Things have changed and morphed so much.

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Back with some good fortune for the 'Trouble Man'

Heavy is the Head.

T.I. on returning to the entertainment industry with a vengeance

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While his run-ins with the law have been the fodder for many a tabloid over the past few years, hip-hop star T.I. has stayed focused on diversifying his work.

The Atlanta rapper has produced his VH1 reality show *Family Hustle*, written two books — *Power & Beauty* along with its sequel *Trouble & Triumph* — and through his Grand Hustle label introduced the world to B.o.B.

Now you can add the success of his latest album, *Trouble Man: Heavy is the Head*.

Is he worried that fans of his hard edged hip-hop will be turned off by how much he has broadened his horizons?

"It would be preposterous to come back after my hiatus and not acknowledge that there is a rebuilding process," he says. "I'm not the same guy, but I am cut from the same cloth. My morals, my standards are still the same. My actions and my locations might be a tad bit different but my mindset and my heart is still the same."

The Atlanta-born rapper returned to the charts last month when his eighth album hit No. 2 on Billboard, moving 179,000 units in the first week.

"The response exceeded my expectations. I'm ecstatic that the subject matter and body of work really connected with the audience," he says. "That's an unmatched feeling for an artist."

The next challenge for T.I. is bringing together the stars of his hometown for an all-star tour.

"As of right now I'm cultivating the relationships that will allow us to work together in that capacity," he says. "I'm making an attempt at putting together a domestic package that would allow us to go on tour: A package that will consist of myself, Trinidad James, I've spoken to Jeezy (and others). The new generation, the veterans and the OGs putting together a package that will really show the nation what this town has to offer."



'It would be preposterous to come back after my hiatus and not acknowledge that there is a rebuilding process,' says the rapper/novelist/TV star, pictured. GETTY IMAGES

Music. Gimme a fast car? Gimme Coldplay instead

There's something about Coldplay's music that's just so soothing, right? It's apparently more than that. It's also the safest to listen to when driving.

Next time you're in your car and you buckle your seat belt and switch on your Bluetooth to avoid chatting while driving, pop in some Coldplay to ensure ultimate safety.

The British band's *The Scientist* landed on a list of "ultimate safe driving songs" compiled by Confused.com, the creator of driving app MotorMate.

The optimum music vol-

ume for driving is 55 to 65 decibels, according to London Metropolitan University professor Simon Moore's conclusions. To complete your safe road-trip playlist choose songs such as Norah Jones' *Come Away With Me*, Bon Iver's *Skinny Love* and Elton John's *Tiny Dancer*.

On the opposite side of the spectrum, the Black Eyed Peas' *Hey Mama*, topped Confused.com's list of top 10 dangerous driving songs. Other dangers songs include M.I.A.'s *Paper Planes* and Nickelback's *How You Remind Me*.

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Chris Martin of Coldplay. GETTY IMAGES

3 songs for the weekend



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When I need a shot of something interesting, I always turn to local indie scenes. Here are three recent finds.

Sweet Child O' Mine/Tashaki Miyaki

A truly great song will be great no matter who chooses to interpret it. This version of the GnR hit by an L.A. dream pop band proves my point.

Boys in the Band/Guilty About Girls

Remember Vancouver's Pure? Guilty About Girls descended from them. My only complaint about this song is that it's not long enough.

Standing Still (The Girls I Call Don't Answer...)/Danger Bees

Nerdy five-piece indie-pop band from Toronto who record for the brilliantly-named Daycare Records: Babysitting Your Stupid Band.

Gérard Depardieu caused a stir when he bought a property in Belgium, a mile over the French border, in response to a proposed 75 per cent tax levied on his country's top earners. Later France's high court ruled that Francois Hollande's "super-tax" campaign promise for the super rich is unconstitutional, but the French government pledged to redraft the proposal. Russia, where this is an attractive 13 per cent flat tax on personal income, then threw their fur cap in the Depardieu relocation sweepstakes. President Vladimir Putin granted the middle-aged actor citizenship and handed him a passport over supper in Sochi.

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These celebrity expats left for love, low taxes or sunshine

Sting

The former Police front man may have sung "Don't wanna be no millionaire, don't wanna own no mint, I don't wanna be no tax exile and I don't mind being skint," on Dead End Job, the b-side to Can't Stand Losing You. But when the billfolds started stacking high, he changed his tune, followed his accountant's advice and moved to Galway, Ireland, in 1980. Bandmate Andy Summers followed suit, relocating to Kinsale.



Sting

"It's a pain in the ass, but the alternative is 80 per cent (tax) and anyone that did that would be stupid," the guitarist admitted to the Record Mirror newspaper.

Johnny Depp

Despite being born in Kentucky and raised in Florida, Depp has always had a European sensibility. He has a predilection for puffing on Parisian cheroot cigarettes and dressing like a bohemian bon vivant. Depp moved to France with his former long-term amour Vanessa Paradis in the 1990s to raise their offspring away from the glare of Hollywood paparazzi and overzealous autograph hounds. This past summer

after 14 years together the couple split and Depp also bid adieu to France. Perhaps he'll now spend more time soaking in the sun on Little Hall's Pond Cay, his private Bahamian island.



Johnny Depp

Ian Fleming

The man who concocted James Bond, the globe-trotting superspy with the standing "shaken, not stirred" martini order, built Goldeneye, his residence in sunny Oracabessa Bay on the north coast of Jamaica after serving his country in the Second World War. While more of a snowbird than an expat per se, once a major transportation hub bears your name, consider adopted son status bestowed, even



Ian Fleming

posthumously. The area airport was renamed Ian Fleming International in 2011.

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Jennifer Lopez.

Jennifer Lopez chasing a new lover named Oscar

Jennifer Lopez's career is doing just fine, but there's at least one item she still has her heart set on: an Oscar.

"I think everybody that has ever taken acting seriously would love to be recognized in that way," Lopez tells E! News.

"Of course! Why not?"

She's even good about keeping her acceptance speech up to date, should the need for it arise.

"It changes every so often over the years," Lopez says.

"Different people, different things."



Russell Crowe

Crowe shoots down romantic rumours

Russell Crowe has taken to Twitter to refute a New York Post story that he and burlesque star Dita Von Teese are an item.

The paper reported that the pair had enjoyed "a romantic couple's massage" at the Four Seasons hotel in

New York last month and have been getting flirty.

"Dita Von Teese is brave, smart, sweet and elegant. She is a friend of mine. Who wouldn't want friends like that? Friends, not lovers," Crowe tweeted after the item appeared.

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Is Lohan working as a high-paid escort?

Lindsay Lohan has reportedly found a new way to help pay off her hefty debts. Her father, Michael Lohan, and other sources claim that the troubled actress is making money working as a high-class escort, according to Star magazine.

"She is getting paid to date rich men," Michael says, putting the blame squarely on his ex-wife, Dina Lohan. "Dina is pimping her out. It's disgusting."

But so far there are no allegations of Lindsay providing any services more intimate than acting as arm candy.

"The dates last for days, and the guys pay for everything — hotel, travel costs, food, whatever — as well as jewelry and other gifts," another source tells the magazine.



Nicole Kidman. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Kidman not weirded out by peeing on Zac Efron

Nicole Kidman has been getting plenty of attention for her Golden-Globe-nominated role in the Paperboy thanks to an infamous scene in which she urinates on Zac Efron.

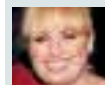
But Kidman doesn't get what the big deal is.

"I just don't find urination shocking. I think I

peed in the beginning of Eyes Wide Shut, too. But then, I don't find a lot of things shocking. Violence is a lot more shocking than sex — sex is primal," she tells the Hollywood Reporter.

"I felt shy singing in Moulin Rouge, but peeing — no, not shy."

Twitter



@RebelWilson

I would never online date..unless it was for 'comedy research.'The other things I've done for 'comedy research' include fat camp, drinking..



@JoshRadnor

I would be a terrible matador.



@msleamichele

Treated myself to a little mani/pedi after work today:) Relaxing now and catching up on #topchef!



@AlbertBrooks

Bless me Oprah for I have sinned.

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Old and new school taste



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French wines are a lot like David Bowie. Just when you think they've got nothing new to offer, they come out of nowhere with a brand new vibe based on their old school legacy.

While Bowie has his first album in a decade dropping in March, savvy wine lovers are rediscovering the value found across France — especially in its lesser known regions like the Côtes du Rhône. Though famous for Châteauneuf-du-Pape — its liquid love letter to the pope — many wine newbies are surprised to discover that the Rhône Valley is the original home of both the red syrah (a.k.a. shiraz) and grenache grape varieties.

Grenache dominates the southern portion of the valley, where the bright-fruited berry makes up the majority of the area's blends. Most are smooth, new worldly wines with great food appeal (think everything from hearty stews and lamb to a relaxed charcuterie platter).

Famille Perrin is a regional superstar and its grenache-led 2010 Côtes du Rhône Réserve Rouge (\$15.95 to \$17.99)

is rich and elegant with licorice and wild berry aromatics and a meaty, mouth-filling body of balanced black fruit.

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Chicken and Waffles add soul to brunch

Quick eats. Good food doesn't have to take forever to prepare with this delicious recipe

Chicken and Waffles combines the best of the breakfast and dinner worlds in one soul food dish made famous by the Southern U.S.

There's even a whole chapter devoted to the meal in *Fried Chicken: An American Story* by John T. Edge.

In it, he writes that the dish goes back to the late 19th century, when Southern African-Americans, recently freed from slavery, began migrating to the northern United States.

According to Edge: "My guess is that it comes from the days when someone would go out in the morning and wring a chicken's neck and fry it for breakfast. Preparing a breakfast bread with whatever meat you have on the hoof, so to speak, comes out of the rural tradition."

The fried chicken is usually served with a waffle that is covered in butter or syrup. This version, however, is more like the traditional Pennsylvania Dutch dish, which consists of a plain waffle with pulled, stewed

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Two 4-oz containers sliced button mushrooms
- 1 medium yellow onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 4 frozen waffles
- Meat from a 2-lb rotisserie chicken, warmed and shredded



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

chicken covered in gravy.

But it's even easier than that when you use store-bought waffles and rotisserie chicken.

No frozen waffles handy? You can serve this chicken and gravy over toasted slabs of sour-dough bread too.

1. In a large skillet over medium-high, heat the oil.

Add the mushrooms, onion and garlic, then sauté until the mushrooms are browned and the pan is nearly dry, about 5 minutes.

2. Add the wine and stir to deglaze the pan. When the wine has evaporated, stir in the cream, then bring to a simmer. Season with salt and pepper,

then set aside.

3. Toast the waffles according to package directions. Place one toasted waffle on each serving plate. Top with a heap of warmed, shredded chicken, then spoon ample amounts of mushroom gravy over it.

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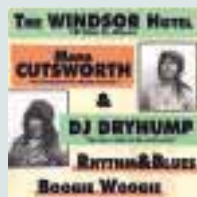
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If you're walking down the aisle anytime soon, you're not going to want to miss The Wonderful Wedding Show, taking place this Saturday and Sunday at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Peruse more than 100,000 square feet of wedding paradise with more than 300 displays, fashion shows, vendor incentives and discounts. Tickets are \$13 plus fees and are available through Ticketmaster. The show is open 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., with a special 10 a.m. admission for VIP brides. Check out wonderfulweddingshow.com.



We have liftoff, Winnipeg

If you don't have tickets to Saturday's Jets season-opener, fear not friends, there are plenty of venues where you can watch our boys take on the Ottawa Senators. Boston Pizza locations throughout the city will be showing the game in their lounges. Customers there for the 2 p.m. puck drop get a ballot for a chance to win some cool prizes. Another place to check out is Bleachers Sports Bar at 308 Fort St. They don't have any prize incentives, but they boast some of the cheapest beer in the city at \$3.25 a pint.



Monday night at the punk show

All Time Low, Yellow Card and Fireworks play the Burton Cummings Theatre on Monday. This pop punk lineup is guaranteed to make it feel like a Friday night. The venue is going to be loud, energetic and full of young people! The target audience for the Weightless and Ocean Avenue hit-makers are high school aged, so parents, make sure you're generous with the curfew. Tickets will run you \$41.75, available through Ticketmaster. Doors, 8 p.m.



Take a gamble on the Gambler

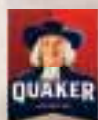
The original gambler, Kenny Rogers, is coming to the MTS Centre on Wednesday, and he's bringing B.J. Thomas with him. Winnipeg is the first stop on Rogers' four-day Canadian tour across the prairies before he heads south of the boarder. With more than 24 number one hits, including The Gambler, Lady, and Islands in the Stream, audiences of all ages will enjoy this show. Tickets range from \$49 to \$79.75 and are available at Ticketmaster. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.



The Seven Year Series

Starting on Wednesday, Cinematheque is showing 56 UP, the latest installment of Michael Apted's 7 UP documentary series. If you're not familiar with the series, it started as a one-off documentary in 1964 that followed the lives of a dozen or so British seven-year-olds from various economic backgrounds. Every seven years since it started, Apted has reunited with his film subjects for a continuation of the story. 56 UP runs from Wednesday until Saturday. Admission is \$9. Check winipeg-filmgroup.com/cinematheque for show times.

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Dual-threat dilemma for Falcons vs. Kaepernick

Conference championships. 49ers QB faces Falcons after he ran wild on Packers

Michael Turner's trademark high-pitched laugh filled the Falcons' locker room.

Asked about San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick, Turner grinned Thursday and said "I'm glad I'm not on defence."

Turner, the big running back, and the Falcons' offence want to hold the ball and limit Kaepernick's time on the field in Sunday's NFC championship game.

The Falcons have seen enough in Kaepernick's eight starts to respect the versatile quarterback with the long stride and strong right arm.

Kaepernick comes to Atlanta after running for 181 yards — an NFL record for a quarterback — with two touchdowns in last week's win over Green Bay. He also threw for 263 yards with two touchdowns. He became the third QB, after Otto Graham and Jay Cutler, to run and throw for at least two touchdowns in a post-season game.

The Falcons are impressed,

AFC championship

- New England gets a chance to extend its mastery in the final step to the Super Bowl on Sunday against Baltimore, the team the Patriots beat a year ago for the conference crown.
- That win made them 4-0 in home conference title games.

even after facing such dual-threat quarterbacks as Robert Griffin III, Cam Newton and Russell Wilson this season.

Linebacker Sean Weather- spoon says Kaepernick is unique.

"I think he's just a different guy altogether," Weather- spoon said. "He's a taller guy, obviously. I think he has a lot more speed. Russell is more of a quick guy. Colin is a faster guy."

Kaepernick's big game last week earned him the promise of more attention from the Falcons' defence.

"We definitely have to have somebody accounting for him," said Falcons safety Thomas DeCoud.

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Atlanta Falcons Tony Gonzalez, front left, leads teammate Roddy White, right, and other Falcons to their indoor practice facility in Flowery Branch, Ga., on Wednesday. The Falcons' offence want to keep the ball in their hands and out of the hands of versatile 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick. DAVID TULIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Armstrong comes clean in Oprah interview



Lance Armstrong, right, celebrates winning bronze in the men's individual time trial at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, with gold-medallist Viatcheslav Ekimov, centre, and silver-medallist Jan Ullrich. The IOC has stripped Armstrong of his medal.

LAURENT REBOURS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

He did it. He finally admitted it. Lance Armstrong doped.

He was light on the details and didn't name names. He mused that he might not have been caught if not for his comeback in 2009. And he was certain his "fate was sealed" when longtime friend, training partner and trusted lieutenant George Hincapie, who was along for the ride on all seven of Armstrong's Tour de France wins, was forced to give him up to anti-doping authorities.

But right from the start and more than two dozen times during the first of a two-part interview Thursday night with Oprah Winfrey, the disgraced

former cycling champion acknowledged what he had lied about repeatedly for years, and what had been one of the worst-kept secrets for the better part of a week: He was the ring-leader of an elaborate doping scheme on a U.S. Postal Service team that swept him to the top of the podium at the Tour de France time after time.

"I'm a flawed character," he said.

Did it feel wrong?
"No," Armstrong replied.
"Scary."

"Did you feel bad about it?" Winfrey pressed him.

"No," he said. "Even scarier." "Did you feel in any way

Medal stripped

The International Olympic Committee sent a letter to Armstrong on Wednesday night asking him to return the bronze medal he won at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

that you were cheating?"

"No," Armstrong paused. "Scariest."

Armstrong was direct and matter-of-fact, neither pained nor defensive. He looked straight ahead. There were no tears and very few laughs.

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NBA

Knicks win in London showcase

Carmelo Anthony returned to his gold-medal past, scoring 26 points Thursday to lead the New York Knicks to a 102-87 win over the Detroit Pistons at O2 Arena in London, site of the Olympic final during last year's Games. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Australian Open

Kerber wins on 25th birthday

Angelique Kerber from Germany celebrated her 25th birthday Friday with a 6-2, 7-5 win over teenager Madison Keys in a third-round match, then blew out the candles on a cake organizers brought onto the court. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

Lulay signs new deal with Lions

Quarterback Travis Lulay signed a new contract with the B.C. Lions on Thursday. Lulay agreed to a three-year pact that takes effect immediately. The deal includes two years plus an option.

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NHL

Double-dose of Grapes on HNHC

The long-delayed return of Hockey Night in Canada will feature an expanded in-studio panel of analysts and an extra dose of Don Cherry commentary that will air during the later game out of the West.

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4 SPORTS

BEING HERE NO LONGER ENOUGH

After long-awaited return to Winnipeg last season, fans, players and management expect more from the Jets in Year 2

Getting an NHL team back was enough of a high for 2011-12, but fans and the team are expecting more as the reborn Winnipeg Jets enter their second season.

Jets general manager Kevin Cheveldayoff made that clear months ago when his team finished out of the playoffs last season.

"It's a sport that we play for the fans.... We would expect nothing less than expectations to continue to grow each and every day," he said.

This season, they want to snag the playoff berth that seemed tantalizingly close at times last year.

They've added a little size and little experience, but Jets version 2.0 doesn't look a lot different from last year, so whether they achieve that goal or not remains a big question mark.

It likely doesn't hurt their chances that realignment has been shelved for another season.

Although the Jets finished fourth in the Southeast Division, they had a division-leading 32 points and 14-6-4 record against Southeast rivals.

And they aren't particularly bummed out by travel prospects in what is already a very tight schedule.

"It is what it is and it's not that bad," coach Claude Noel said. "I really like the way it closes up in April with the homestand."

The Jets play six straight home games from April 6-20, two on the road and then

By the numbers

142

The Jets scored 122 goals at home last season, good enough for eighth in the league. On the road they scored 99, but gave up a colossal 142, the second-worst in the NHL.

return for their final regular-season game April 25 against Montreal.

The Jets have to look inside, not outside, as they prepare for this season, Noel suggests.

"If we're going to find solutions to the problems that we have, then let's address the problems and let's find solutions to these problems. The schedule is what it is," said Noel.

So what are the problems?

No. 1 on the list seems to be defence. The Jets allow too many shots — quality shots — on their own net.

Their defence, in particular Dustin Byfuglien, is great on offence. Byfuglien tied for second in the league in scoring by a defenceman and overall the defence was No. 5 in scoring in 2011-12.

Despite ranking near the top of the list in number of saves, goalie Ondrej Pavelec's percentages were well down in the pack, in part because he just faced too many shots.

Problem No. 2, home versus away.

The Jets were a solid 23-13-5 at home last season. The MTS Centre is sold out for every

game.

But 14-22-5 on the road isn't a path to the playoffs. Washington (16-21-4) and Detroit (17-21-3) were the only sub .500 road teams that qualified last season.

With four players scoring 50 points or better last season, the Jets clearly have an offence, but they also need to perform well no matter where they play. New addition Olli Jokinen had 61 points with the Flames, so he improves the odds significantly.

Problem No. 3, youth.

With youth comes inexperience and the Jets were a fairly young team.

Now, not quite so much. Evander Kane may be just 21 but it looks like he's on a line with Jokinen, whose 34 years and more than 1,000 NHL games help tilt the scales.

Not that Kane was ineffective last year as Winnipeg's No. 2 scorer, with a personal-best 30 goals. But the Jets need even more from him if they want to play past April.

Mark Scheifele, still just 19, is trying to crack the lineup but the field is getting pretty crowded with the addition this week of husky fourth-liner Anthony Peluso.

Players like Blake Wheeler, last year's scoring leader in Winnipeg, just seem to keep getting better, but Noel also wants to see a mental change in the rest of his team.

"I would just like us to start walking and behaving like winners," he said.

"We've got to go in expecting to win on the road, expecting ... more from each other on the road. That's the attitude difference that I'd like us to start thinking about."

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Standout Winnipeg forward Evander Kane will be expected to improve on his last season's career-best 30 goals playing alongside newcomer Olli Jokinen. MARIANNE HELM/GETTY IMAGES FILE

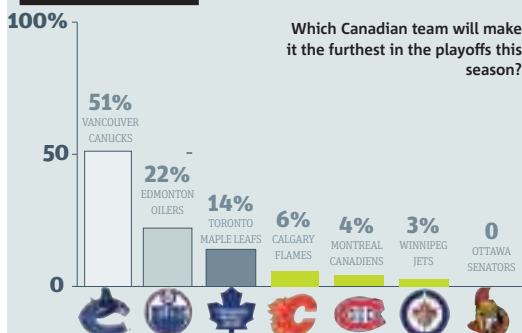


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"When you look at all the numbers and you look at the way we performed last year, there were some glaring areas (where) we have to be better."

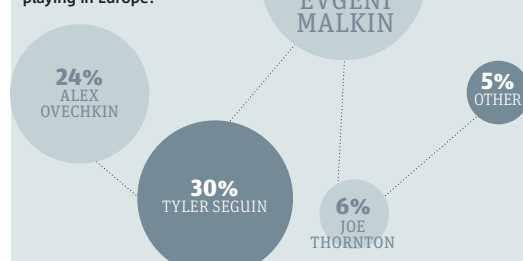
Jets coach Claude Noel

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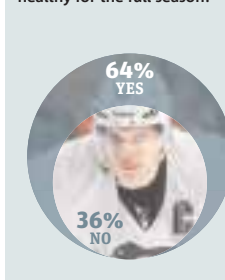
International edge?

Which player will thrive most after spending the lockout playing in Europe?



Head games

Will Sidney Crosby remain healthy for the full season?



Drop the puck

- Saturday. Senators at Jets, 2 p.m. (CBC)
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ROAD TO PLAYOFFS WON'T BE EASY FOR JETS



New Jets forward Olli Jokinen has proven to have a scoring touch in the past, but that was when he was playing with Jarome Iginla in Calgary.

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For the most part, the Winnipeg Jets enter the shortened 2013 season in much the same way they exited 2012. The team will rely on the same young headline players to take their game to another level and for most of the same grinders to provide a spark.

Their offensive lead-

Something lacking on the back end

"Offence remains a top-heavy strength, but for the Jets to become more well-rounded, Zach Bogosian needs to evolve into the elite defender he was expected to be when he was drafted third overall."

ers from last season, Blake Wheeler and Evander Kane, both took big steps forward in their careers and will need to sustain that progress and grow further. Kane appears to be a star in the making, a driving force

of Winnipeg's goal scoring for years to come. But to further evolve, Kane has to be the type of player who can get and improve his own results, while also elevating those who play with him.

Bryan Little also holds

the key to a better season for the Jets. This is a player who once scored 31 goals as an Atlanta Thrasher, but has only reached the 20-goal mark once since, registering 24 last season. His point totals have remained roughly the same over the past four years, which bodes well for this season, considering Year 5 is a breakout marker for many NHLers.

Alexander Burmistrov will also be counted on to play a crucial role for the team in coming years and while he doesn't need to be an all-star right away, the team would like to see an improvement in his offence. He's fairly adept on the defensive side of the puck, but needs to round his game out on the level of a No. 8 overall pick.

There are some new faces on offence, most notably Olli Jokinen. The Finn was brought in to fill the big-body centre role on a team that desperately needed one, but Jokinen is more of a follower on offence than a leader and to expect anything else would be folly. Jokinen has not been part of a playoff team since 2008-09, when his line and results were driven by Jarome Iginla.

Offence remains a top-heavy strength, but for the Jets to become more well-rounded, Zach Bogosian needs to evolve into the elite defender he was expected to be when he was drafted third overall. While he's shown flashes of living up to that potential, the hulking American hasn't been consistent enough — a trait that comes with experience and confidence.

Goaltending will continue to be a strength for the Jets, where Ondrej Pavelec is emerging as a game-stealing backstopper. But the biggest problem the Jets had last season was their shoddy road record, a trend they'll have to correct if their fortunes are to improve.

Southeast preview

On the heels of their first-ever division title, the Florida Panthers will be hard-pressed for a repeat. Tampa Bay, Washington and Winnipeg are poised to improve, with the Jets planning on rewarding their loyal fans with playoff hockey:

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Carolina Hurricanes

Last season: 33-33-16, 82 points, 12th in East.

Brothers Jordan and Eric Staal will finally get to play together and it could be a magic combination, with sniper Jeff Skinner contributing as well. The big question is how gifted but erratic winger Alexander Semin will fit in with his one-year, \$7-million contract. Coach Kirk Muller has a first-rate goalie in Cam Ward.

Prediction: 13th in East.



Florida Panthers

Last season: 38-26-18, 94 points, 3rd in East.

New management boosted the Panthers last season and now the challenge is to stay up in the top eight with another big year from Tomas Fleischmann, Steven Weiss and Kris Versteeg. They lost their top-scoring defenceman Jason Garrison, but still have the talented Brian Campbell and veteran Ed Jovanovsky. They also added tough guy George Parros and centre Peter Mueller.

Prediction: 12th in East.



Tampa Bay Lightning

Last season: 38-36-8, 84 points, 10th in East.

With Mathias Ohlund's career still in doubt over a knee injury, the Bolts picked up defencemen Matt Carle and Sami Salo to bolster a crew that includes veterans Eric Brewer and Marc-Andre Bergeron, and which has towering Victor Hedman back healthy. A better defence should make the difference for a team with a big scoring line led by super-sniper Steve Stamkos.

Prediction: Fifth in East.



Washington Capitals

Last season: 42-32-8, 92 points, 7th seed in East.

New coach Adam Oates starts with two of the team's top three scorers gone, as Alex Semin has moved to Carolina and defenceman Dennis Wideman was traded to Calgary. Not to worry, as the real star, Alex Ovechkin, is back from Russia to lead the attack. Nicklas Backstrom will look to rebound from an injury, and they've added playmaking centre Mike Ribeiro and winger Wojtek Wolski.

Prediction: Third in East.



Winnipeg Jets

Last season: 37-35-10, 84 points, 11th in East.

The former Atlanta Thrashers didn't bring a lot to Winnipeg, but Jets management is trying to fix that. Adding veterans Olli Jokinen and Alexei Ponikarovsky brings some depth up front to go with solid captain Andrew Ladd, 64-point man Blake Wheeler and unpredictable 30-goal scorer Evander Kane. They may add promising youngster Mark Scheifele as well.

Prediction: Eighth in East.

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Panthers look to improve on banner year

Beasts of the Southeast? Division championship not satisfactory in Florida

There's one last order of business to complete before the Florida Panthers can finally get this season started.

It comes Saturday night, not long before the first dropped puck of this new and condensed season, and it's a moment 12 years in the making. The Panthers will pay homage to last season one more time, with the hoisting of the banner to commemorate their first Southeast Division title.

And Panthers coach Kevin Dineen doesn't think the added pomp and circumstance will in any way create a distraction.



Panthers forward Stephen Weiss skates at practice on Monday in Coral Springs, Fla. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"We waited seven months to get going," Dineen said. "I think an extra 15 minutes for a really special night will be

good for us."

In some ways, it'll be both a reminder of good times and bad for the Panthers, when that banner gets displayed before Florida's season begins against the Carolina Hurricanes.

Yes, the Panthers had their long-awaited breakout season. And no, winning the Southeast isn't exactly the franchise's ultimate goal, either.

"It's not a Stanley Cup banner," Panthers forward Stephen Weiss said. "And those are the only ones that really matter at the end of the day. But certainly, it was a good year for us last year. We're proud of winning the Southeast. It'll be nice to see the banner go up, but I'm sure it'll be out of our minds pretty quickly and we'll be on to the next challenge."

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Three Jets to watch



Blake Wheeler

The Jets' best player last season, Wheeler's performance was unexpected. He will be a restricted free agent at season's end so the motivation for a new contract should help him maintain last season's output, when he led the team in scoring.



Zach Bogosian

The blue-liner will be an RFA at season's end, but how much is he worth to the Jets? The team surely wants to avoid any contract-impasse headaches and a strong season for Bogosian would go a long way towards skirting any potential issues.



Evander Kane

Despite scoring 30 goals and having the potential for more, the relationship between Kane and Winnipeg appears tenuous. He starts a new six-year deal this season though and will grow on his doubters if he keeps getting results.

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Exceptional expectations

The puck drops on Saturday. Here is a look at six NHLers to watch this season:

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Sidney Crosby

Sid's not a kid anymore. The Penguins centre is 25 now and hoping to stay healthy this year. Crosby missed most of the last two seasons due to post-concussion syndrome. The 2007 Hart Trophy winner posted impressive numbers in limited action last season, recording 37 points in just 22 games. Crosby says he's no longer dealing with the headaches that plagued him the last few years. He'll be counted on to anchor a Pittsburgh team that could be a force in the Eastern Conference.

Steven Stamkos

Stamkos has been a rock for Tampa Bay since the Lightning selected him with the first overall pick of the 2008 NHL Entry Draft. He had 46 points in his rookie campaign before blossoming in his sophomore season with 51 goals and 95 points. Stamkos has kept up that stellar pace with 91 points in 2010-11 and a career-best 60 goals and 97 points last season. The young centre will need to step up again if the Lightning are to improve on their 10th-place finish in the Eastern Conference.



Cory Schneider

The goaltending drama is an evolving soap opera in Vancouver and it's showing no signs of slowing down. Schneider took over the starting spot from Roberto Luongo and is a good bet to see the bulk of the playing time this season. Luongo may be on his way out of Vancouver, with the Toronto Maple Leafs rumoured to be a potential destination. Schneider posted a 20-8-1 record last season with a 1.96 goals-against average. He'll be eager to prove he deserves his status as the team's go-to guy in net.

Rick Nash

The Broadway spotlight will be shining on the five-time all-star forward, who finally gets a crack at playing for a contender after years of toiling in Columbus. Nash was dealt to the Rangers last summer and could be the piece that gets New York over the hump. The Rangers were the top seed in the East last year but lost to New Jersey in the conference final. The 28-year-old has scored at least 30 goals in each of the last five seasons. The middling New York offence could use that scoring punch.



Zach Parise

Minnesota landed top free agents Parise and Ryan Suter in the off-season and signed them to whopping \$98-million US, 13-year deals. Season-ticket sales went up along with expectations. The Wild have missed the playoffs for four straight seasons. Parise gives the team a consistent offensive weapon and he thrives when the pressure is on. The American left-winger was a top player on the U.S. Olympic team in 2010 and had 15 playoff points in New Jersey's run to the Stanley Cup final last year.



Henrik Zetterberg

Talk about big shoes to fill. Zetterberg will wear the 'C' for the Detroit Red Wings after previous captain Nicklas Lidstrom announced his retirement. Zetterberg has previously served as an alternate captain for Detroit and is coming off a team-leading 69-point campaign. The steady Swedish forward isn't expected to change his leadership style — he plans to pick his spots and speak up when necessary. Zetterberg's main goal is leading the Red Wings to the playoffs for the 22nd straight season.





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The 48-game sprint of a hockey season hasn't even started, and NHL players are already winded.

There is very little in terms of a blueprint on how to prep for a lockout-shortened season that will be crammed into just 99 days after less than a week of training camp.

But ready or not, the puck will drop on Saturday and there is a small margin of error as every game now carries extra

weight.

"It's not a grind. We want this," said Columbus Blue Jackets president of hockey operations John Davidson, a former NHL goalie. "We've been waiting months for this, to have this puck drop and hear the skates, bodies banging and guys with lots of energy."

"Coaches have had months and months and months to get ready. It's all good."

Teams aren't flying completely blind because this is the second time a long NHL lockout forced a season to be cut from 82 games to 48 per team. Back in 1995, the New Jersey Devils and Detroit Red Wings made the most of their opportunities and reached the Stanley Cup

Quoted

"I remember going into it, you just thought every game meant so much."

Sabres coach Lindy Ruff, remembering his time as a Panthers assistant coach during the 1994-95 lockout-shortened season.

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"It feels like we just came out of an all-star break or something like that. We've got the same team," Phoenix Coyotes coach Dave Tippett said. "The guys understand what we're trying to do. We don't have to put a lot of time explaining terms or what we're going to do."

The Pittsburgh Penguins are

trying to tap into the past to get a leg up now. Player development coach Bill Guerin was a member of those 1995 Devils, who got into the playoffs as the No. 5 seed in the Eastern Conference and rode the wave to a sweep of the Red Wings in the final.

"They didn't start well. They were starting under .500 their first segment," Penguins coach Dan Bylsma said. "They were a team that did have a lot of veteran experience, and we've talked to Billy about his experience and how the team came back and how they rotated players in and out of the lineup, how the goalie was played, what the talk in training camp was." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Bill Guerin helped the Devils to a Stanley Cup win in the 1994-95 lockout-shortened season. Now Guerin is passing along that wisdom as player development coach of the Penguins. ROBERT LABERGE/ALLSPORT FILE

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20

Certain goals may seem to be out of your reach but they are not. The planets are urging you not just to aim high but to aim higher than ever before. All things are possible if you want them enough.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You seem reluctant to put your point of view across. Why is that? If you have something of value to say, you have not just a right but a responsibility to speak up. So speak up.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21

It may appear as if someone you work or do business with has been cheating you but can you be sure? The planets warn you cannot trust your senses today, so err on the side of caution and don't make accusations.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You won't have any trouble getting others to back your ideas today but you may be in trouble later on if they don't work out the way you expected. For that reason alone make it clear there are no guarantees.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Some kind of habit is holding you back and it's time you got past it. Simply stopping won't do it — you've tried that before. The trick is to replace a bad habit by a good habit.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Avoid poking fun at people in positions of power, no matter how tempting it may be. Laughter is only the best medicine if it is the kind that everyone can share in. Anything else could be dangerous today.

♏ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Don't take what you are told at face value. Check the facts for yourself. What others say may sound convincing but more likely it's just self-serving. Do your homework and avoid making costly mistakes.

♐ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may be resentful that changes of one sort or another have been forced on you but there is no point making a fuss. The best you can do is to go with the flow and not draw attention to yourself.

♑ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Resist the temptation to talk up the facts as others may see that as a form of deception. It may be easy enough to do but in the long-term you will regret it. Protect your reputation for honesty at all costs.

♒ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

The planets warn that your powers of intuition are on the blink and not to be trusted, at least for the next 24 hours. Stick to what you know to be true and in other matters be exceptionally cautious.

♓ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Try not to let your fears get out of hand over the next 24 hours. Take your mind off your worries by focusing on all the things you have to be thankful for. That should keep you busy for a while.

♈ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Those who think highly of you will help you out in any way they can today, but first you must ask. The Sun's link to communications planet Mercury means your wish is their command. So wish away.
SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Toronto __ Centre
6. Task
9. " __ la vista, baby." - The Terminator
14. CBC's "Republic of __"
15. BC's Revelstoke, for one: 2 wds.
17. Taylor Swift's " __ You Were Trouble"
18. On the costume of Bruce Wayne's alter ego: 2 wds.
19. 'Legal' suffix
20. Extinct bird
22. "The Simpsons" storekeeper
23. Reporter on "etalk", Traci __
26. Got [abbr.]
29. Jolt
31. Herring-like fish
32. Open court hearings
34. Formula
36. Endorse
38. Mr. Reed
39. __locka, Florida
40. Ducks city
42. 'Serpent' suffix
43. Psychedelic drug
44. Not is
45. __, Nova Scotia
47. Pretend
49. Destiny's Child hit: "Say My __"
51. Bronze Roman money
52. 'Part' add-on (Collaborator)
53. 'Deuce __': Male Gigolo
55. Green tropical fruit ...partially eaten here
57. Irish actor Stephen
58. Li'l accounting review
61. Green-haired Canadian icon: 3 wds.
66. Jennifer or Meg
68. The Glass __ (Tennessee Williams play)
69. US Supreme Court Justice Ms. Kagan
70. Fraternity letter
71. Wine aperitif
72. Singer/songwriter Sarah

Down

1. Ms. Falco
2. Says it's hunky-dory
23. Hosp. picture
24. Twitter's #
25. Garfield's pal
27. Chanteuse Ms. Dion
28. Pilotless aircrafts
29. Carly Rae __
30. Evangeline: A Tale of __ (Henry Wadsworth Longfellow poem)
32. Les Miz song: " __ Own": 2 wds.
33. Chop __
34. Massage for therapy
35. Rapper T-__
37. Ms. Bundchen
41. Years, in old Rome
46. Stealing bird

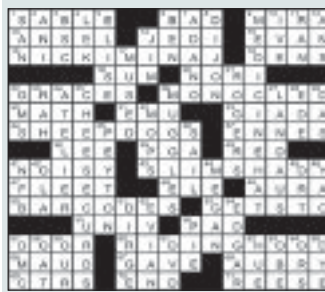


3. Actress Ms. Daly
4. Grand Opry link
5. "Brand __" by Alicia Keys
6. German composer, in brief: __, __ (b.1685 - d.1750)
7. Quebec-made cheese
8. Smidgen
9. Rope fiber
10. Bruce Springsteen album: 'Greetings from __ Park N.J.'
11. Pine-__
12. Green Day drummer, __ Cool
13. 24-hr. banker
16. Back
21. Mary-Kate and Ashley

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48. Alexander __ Bell
50. Sharpie product
53. Music systems company
54. Hall & __
56. "Luka" singer Suzanne
58. Helm position
59. Forearm bone
60. Ms. Cannon
61. First aid team [acronym]
62. Agnus __ (Mass prayer)
63. 1987 to 1994 'Star Trek' series, to fans
64. Mork's planet
65. Nero's 102
67. __-advised

Yesterday's Crossword

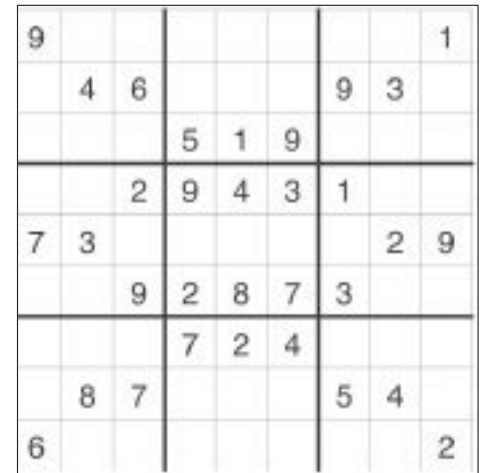
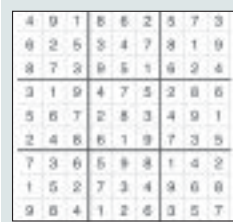


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY



MAX: -9°
MIN: -21°

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MIN: -26°

SUNDAY



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MIN: -31°



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